

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 3-10, 21 and 22 are pending in the present application. Claims 3-10 have been amended. Also, claims 21 and 22 have been presented herewith. Claims 1, 2 and 11-20 have been canceled.

Also by this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been revised to identify the parent application.

Also, enclosed are two (2) sheets of red-inked Annotated Marked-up Drawings. In Fig. 1, the silicon substrate has been denoted as 101, and base 111 has been generally denoted, as supported on page 7, lines 1-3 of the application. Also, in Fig. 8, layer 21 has been denoted as "TITANIUM FILM". The formal drawings as provided along with this application incorporate the drawing corrections therein.

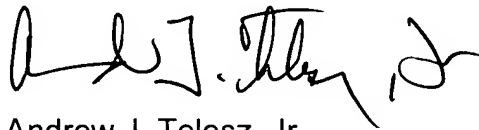
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Two (2) sheets of Annotated Marked-up Drawings

FIG.1

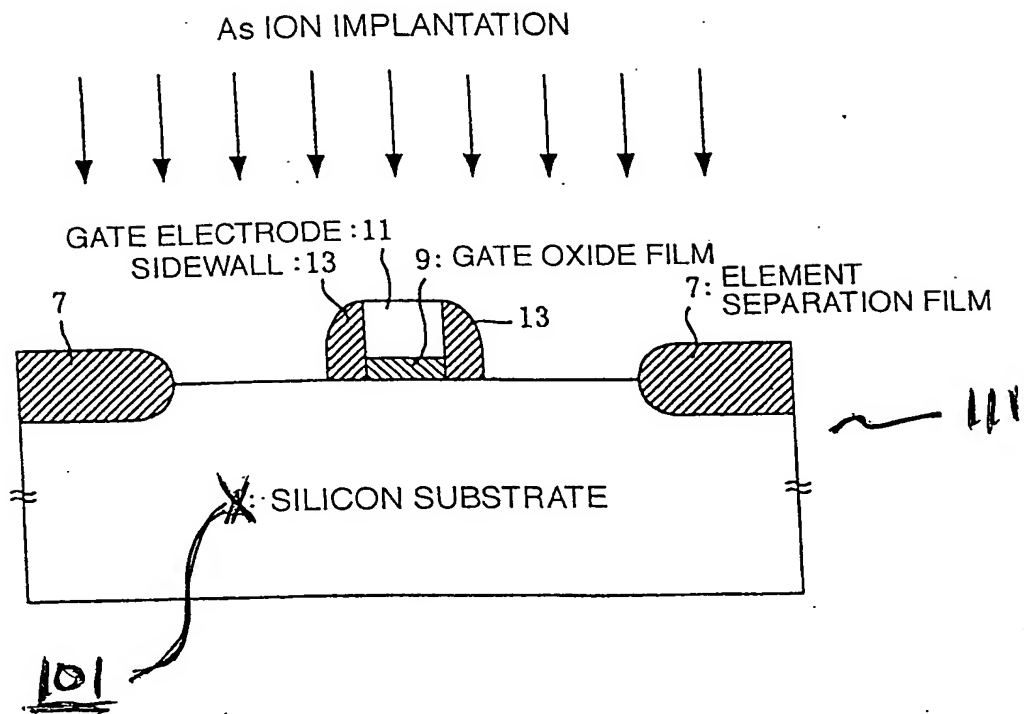


FIG.2

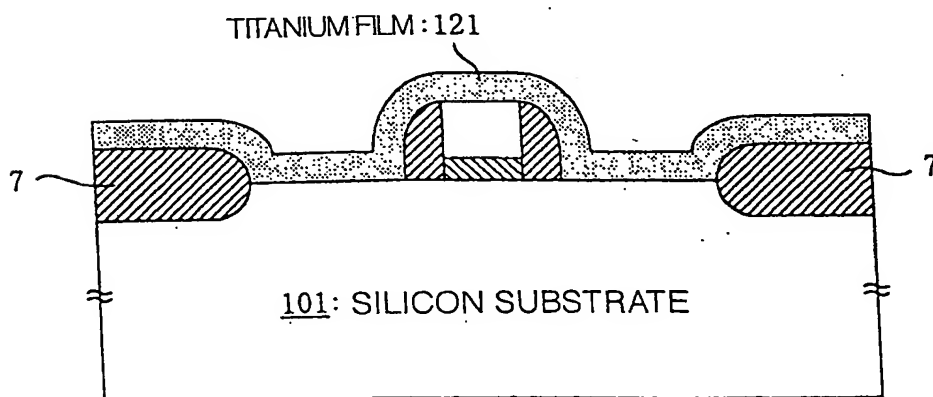


FIG. 7

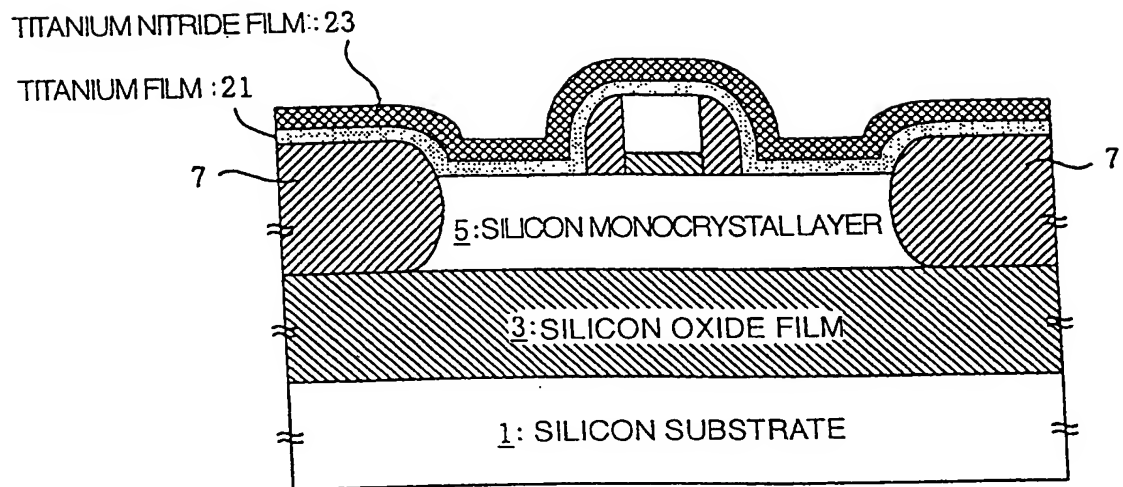


FIG. 8

